

Mid-August Prices

Average grain prices for Wisconsin and the United States for corn, oats, soybeans, and alfalfa were all down from July. Mid-August prices for cows, and steers and heifers rose from July.

Wisconsin's mid-August corn price averaged \$1.94 per bushel, down 16 cents from July. The U.S. average mid-August price was down 11 cents from the average price in July. The mid-August corn price ranged from \$1.80 in Minnesota and North Dakota to \$2.64 in North Carolina.

Wisconsin soybeans fell to an average price of \$5.05 per bushel in mid-August from \$5.45 in July. At the U.S. level, soybeans fell 37 cents to \$5.24 per bushel from July's average of \$5.61. Louisiana had the highest mid-August soybean price at \$5.64 per bushel, North and South Dakota had the lowest average price at \$4.95 per bushel.

Wisconsin's oat price was down 1 cent in mid-August from July's price, averaging 1.57 per bushel. The U.S. average price was down 8 cents to \$1.70 per bushel.

The average alfalfa hay price in Wisconsin was \$55 per ton in mid-August; down \$5 per ton from mid-July. The U.S. average was down \$3 to \$110 per ton for the same time period.

The price for Wisconsin cows averaged \$48.90 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-August, up 90 cents from July's average. Steers and heifers were at \$85.60 per cwt. in mid-August, up \$1.50 from July. The U.S. average price was up 30 cents for slaughter cows to \$46.90 in mid-August, and steers and heifers rose \$1.40 to \$91.80.

2005 Marketing Year Averages

The 2005 marketing year average prices for wheat, barley, oats, and alfalfa were released this month. The average prices per bushel for Wisconsin were: \$1.80 - barley, \$1.54 - oats, \$2.89 - winter wheat, \$3.30 - spring wheat, \$2.90 - all wheat, and \$112 (per ton) for alfalfa.

Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.
		August 2005	July 2006	Aug. 15, 2006	Aug. 15, 2006
		Dollars			Dollars
Milk cows 1/	Head	—	1,700.00	—	—
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	79.60	84.10	85.60	91.80
Cows 2/	Cwt.	50.60	48.00	48.90	46.90
Calves	Cwt.	161.00	163.00	160.00	134.00
Milk, all 3/	Cwt.	14.90	11.90	12.00	11.90
Corn	Bu.	2.01	2.10	1.94	2.03
Oats	Bu.	1.48	1.58	1.57	1.70
Soybeans	Bu.	6.25	5.45	5.05	5.24
Potatoes 3/ 4/	Cwt.	7.60	n.a.	10.50	9.03
Table stock	Cwt.	9.30	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Processing	Cwt.	5.10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Alfalfa hay, baled 5/	Ton	115.00	60.00	55.00	110.00
Other hay, baled 5/	Ton	75.00	50.00	40.00	91.50

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October. 2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Mid-month. N.a. = not available. Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.